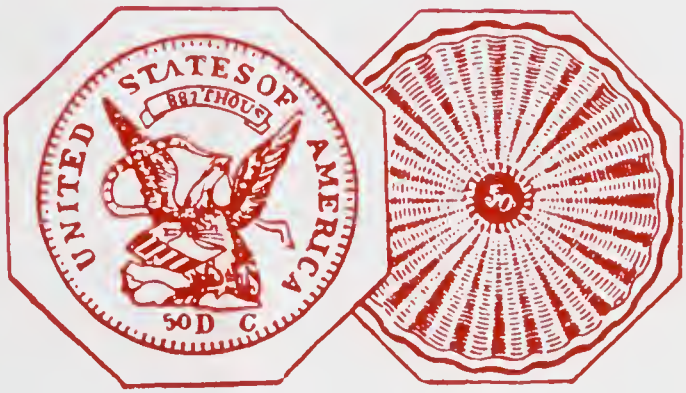
.A.S.C. QUARTERLY



Published each
January — April — July — October

Editor
ERIC G. WARNER

Offical Publication of the

umismatic Association of Southern California

1960-61 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT ..... Ben W. Williams
5619 N. Coldbrook, Lakewood TO 6-4988
1ST VICE PRESIDENT ..... Richard P. Goodson
9400 National Blvd., L.A. 34 VE 8-7915
2ND VICE PRESIDENT ..... George Bennett
1952 Redesdale Ave., L.A. 39
RECORDING SECRETARY ..... Thomas H. Wood
11724 Hesby St., No. Hollywood
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY ..... Carolyn Olson
6106 Southside Dr., L.A. 22 RA 3-8079
TREASURER ..... Louis E. Zumwalt
4272 Pixie Ave., Lakewood HA 1-2579

BOARD MEMBERS

THELMA CASE 2308 32nd St., Santa Monica
ALFRED RISI 2043 W. 103rd Pl., L.A. 47
EARL C. WHITEHEAD, 1874 Idlewood Rd., Glendale 2
KARL M. BRAINARD 3856 McLaughlin, L.A. 66
RUSSELL SNYDER 1946 N. Buena Vista, Burbank
C.A. (SLIM) DUNBAR 937 S. La Brea Ave., Inglewood
CHARLES A. JOHNSON, 3521 Vista St., Long Beach

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

KARL M. BRAINARD — BOURSE
3856 McLaughlin, L.A. 66 EX 8-9884
PAUL NEWELL — DISPLAY
18004 Duncan St., Reseda
EARL WHITEHEAD — AUCTION
1874 Idlewood Rd., Glendale 2
MURRAY SINGER — RIBBONS-MEDALS
122 N. Detroit, L.A. 36 WE 8-5983
W. R. FANNING — ENTERTAINMENT
10762 Braddock Dr., Culver City VE 9-5802
GRACE BRAINARD & THELMA CASE — HOSPITALITY
3856 McLaughlin, L.A. 66 EX 8-9884
THOMAS H. WOOD — REGISTRATION
11724 Hesby St., No. Hollywood
RICHARD P. GOODSON — HOUSING
9400 National Blvd. L.A. 34 VE 8-791
ERIC G. WARNER — PUBLICITY
9620 Culver Blvd., Culver City VE 7-236

'Coins Are the Pearls on the Threads of History'

N.A.S.C. QUARTERLY

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

OF THE

NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Eric G. Warner
Editor

N. E. Wilson
Asst. Ed.

ol. 2 April - 1960 No. 1

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Spring is with us again. This miracle of nature; this
ng awaited blossom time brings us fresh dreams of
lfilling our desires and our ambitions. We cast aside
e doldrums of winter, and figuratively, "hope springs
ernally again" in our breast.

We rededicate ourselves to our work, and to our play.
ur activities all assume a keen edge, and the time
ent on them returns extra dividends and satifaction.

Therefore, at this season, let us rededicate our-
lves generally to a more comprehensive and re-
rding pursuit of our hobby, "Numismatics", and
ore specifically to the continuing promotion of our
loved club "The Numismatic Association of Southern
lifornia."

Let us seek ways to promote its growth and work more carefully to gain area wide, as well as national acclaim and recognition for those things for which we stand- the promotion of numismatics, and the elevation of its status to that of the number 1 hobby of the nation.

It is a worthy goal, and one by no means unattainable. We all know that we can accomplish more by organization than by solitary endeavors.

We have the desire and we have the organization. Lets make 1960 a real "bang-up" Numismatic year by individually and collectively striving to obtain these objectives.

Thank you, and I hope all of your dreams come true in 1960.

Ben W. Williams.

*** NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS ***

We want news of general interest from all clubs. News stories should be typewritten, but not necessary, if handwriting is legible - even carbon copies of news releases is happily accepted. Main idea is to keep the N. A. S. C. Quarterly interesting to other clubs and club members with news of your club activities, and if you dont let us know what's going on, we will be unable to publicize your club. Please direct all club news and notices to N. E. Wilson, 333 2nd St., Moorpark, Calif.
****

*** CHANGE OF ADDRESS ***

PLEASE, ALL MEMBERS! If you move or change your address, be sure and notify Carolyn Olson, N. A. S. C. Corresponding Secretary, 6106 Southside Drive, Los Angeles 22, California. Such notification will enable us to maintain our records accurately. Thanks.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE N.A.S.C. CONVENTION, 1960

by Thelma Case

Thursday noon, February 18, a small group moved nto the Statler Hilton Hotel to start setting up the bourse nd display room. After much squeezing, pushing and rowding, tables and cases for 73 dealers with space or displays were set up. Everyone was well pleased hat there was a guard on duty Thursday night since it nabled some of the dealers and displays to set up early.

When the doors opened Friday morning it resembled stampede. All day and far into the night the "wheelers nd dealers" bought and sold, the collectors picked up goodies" or moaned of the ones they'd missed in the uction. Displays were set up and admired. More ealers set up shop and did business. When the doors ere closed that evening you heard, "Swell show, fel-ows!" - "Looks like a good one, boys!". You felt that erhaps the hours of work, planning, etc., might have een worth it.

Saturday morning before you were quite awake you nought, "I have to do this, and that, and something lse before the doors open again. Oh, my bones are red. Yipes! Here we go again." Going by the regis-ration desk the folks greeted you with a tired smile. ou thought to yourself, "Poor kids, you were there hen we folded up late last night. Did you sleep there st night or work all night? Ain't you got a home?"

Several jobs in the display and bourse room com-anded your immediate attention. Couldn't tell one om another. Then, the doors opened. "Duck! Here e go again." It was a repeat of the day before with a w extras thrown in. Came evening, a quick change of othes, a little rest and off you went to the banquet. here the installation of officers, the awarding of a-ards, a good meal and grand entertainment all hand-d by capable people made you think you might sorta t to like this hobby yet.

By Sunday some of the frantic confusion had passed. A new type had taken its place. There were keys to be given to the exhibitors breaking down their displays, dealers checking out, cases to be moved and stored. There were fifty things to be done, sixty people asking questions and all of them were important. Your feet were tired and you thought to yourself, "If I ever get out of this - never again!"

When you got home, rested awhile, and your feet were almost back to normal size, you remembered all the nice things about the show: the expressions on the faces of the display winners when they won, the friends you worked with and enjoyed, the old friends met again and the new friends made. You hear again,
"Swell show, fellows!" 'It was a good one, boys!" You knew darn well you'll be doing it all over again next year.

Mrs. Pauline Ney, winner of the N.A.S.C. Best in Show Award, a portion of her display, and plaque and ribbon according her the honor.

From the Desk of
C.A. "SLIM DUNBAR

California - Numismatics, from all indications these wo words run hand in hand, N.A.S.C. at their con- rention in February broke all previous records. What convention!

Several California clubs hold a one or two day session s a local convention. They all seem successful.

The Los Angeles Coin Club, in itself is almost a nonthly convention. At its regular meetings, 10 or 12 Bourse dealers, fine displays, wonderful door prizes nd an auction. Always something added for the good f numismatics, no wonder their attendance grows with very meeting.

Many clubs are shopping around for larger quarters nd new clubs are forming every week.

First thing you know there will be so many numis- natists in the country that they will demand a com- nemorative half dollar (I don't mean a medal that can e duplicated without fear of counterfieting, I mean a "Uncle Sam" 50¢ coin) that our youngsters will be proud o possess, study the history behind it and say "this is hy."

Visited several coin clubs last month. Culver City oin Club had a lively meeting, learned there that Eric arner is still on the sick list. They all miss him and ish for a speedy recovery. Bay Cities Coin Club had bang-up display. N.A.A. Stamp & Coin Club have a ew idea on door prizes. Every 3rd meeting there is super prize for holders of winning tickets of 3 previous eetings. Southern Hub Coin Club has about reached eir hall capacity. They are making plans for their nniversary meeting in July. The theme will be in line ith Hawaii statehood. Lawndale Coin Club had a good ttendance but the feeling seemed to be "hurry and get the auction".

See you next time,
"Slim"

A LITTLE HISTORY

By Karl M. Brainard

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, a group of men met in Room 364 of the Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles, California.

These men were: (please read carefully) Ray E. Ballenger, J. Milnor Brown, Michael P. Carey, Charles G. Conroy, Charles Harbeck, Walter S. Hertzog, John M. Kean, John P. Kennedy, Howard C. Laible, Adolph Larson Jr., Edward M. Lee, Charles Markus, William L. Parsons, H. Phelps Reed and Richard Swift.

This was the founding of the California Coin Club. Charles Markus was president of the American Numismatic Association at this time, and was of great help in obtaining the 1932 A. N. A. convention for Los Angeles.

Michael P. Carey, Charles Harbeck and Adolph Larson Jr. are the only members that are still with us. May we have them with us for a long time yet.

Edward M. Lee is known throughout the world for his work on California gold. Kenneth Lee, his son, was one of the earyl members of the C. C. C.

Mr. Kenneth Lee: How about some information about the California Coin Club Medal pictured above? (Karl M. Brainard)

When the California State Numismatic Association was founded in 1947, a request was made that the C. C. C. change its name. Thus in 1948, the Los Angeles Coin Club came into being. It is now the largest attended coin club in the United States.

Michael P. Carey was president in 1933 and vice president in 1929. Dr. Charles Harbeck was treasurer from 1929 through 1934 and president in 1934 and 1935. Adolph Larson Jr. was president in 1940-1941, 1943-1947, and 1952.

Over the years many people too numerous to mention have contributed much to the futherance of the Los Angeles Coin Club. One of these is George Bennett who became active in 1937 as secretary. We seem to have lost him until 1942 when he appeared as vice president. Again we hear nothing of George until 1949 when he was a member of the board of governors. In 1950 he was elected president and just to prove he was different, he was then elected to vice president in 1951. In 1953 he was elected president again. Since 1951 George has been on the board of governors and has served as our auctioneer.

Another man who deserves a lot of credit for helping to keep this club together is Earl K. Stanton. He did all the secretarial work from 1940 through 1948, nine years of labor for love. Thanks, Earl.

SNA CONVENTION - April 7-10, 1960

Officers elected for the current year are; Herbert ergen, President; Clifford L. Liss, Vice President; an Harley, Treasurer; Winn Osborne, Secretary. Elected to the board of Directors were Paul Hamm f San Diego, and Karl M. Brainard of Los Angeles. Remaining on the Board of Directors were Harry . Davidson, Dr. Curtis R. Paxman and Norman F. Pruitt. The growing co-operation between the CSNA and the ASC is well exemplified by the election of Mr. Brainrd to the Board of Directors of CSNA. Mr. Brainard a member of the Board of Governors of NASC, as ell as its founder

PERSONALITIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATICS -- THELMA M. CASE

By E. Carolyn Nestrick
& Grace I. Brainard

Most of "us girls" hesitate to reveal our age. However, one of Thelma Case's prize possessions is a complete set of gold and silver coins and paper money in uncirculated and proof condition of her birth year - 1917. So, you will just have to guess her age!

She was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and attended school in Kansas. In 1934 she met Thomas R. Case and they were married in Los Angeles on September 21, 1936, the 20th anniversary of her parent's marriage.

In 1947 she became interested in coin collecting and attended her first convention in 1948. The California State Numismatic Association obligingly held their convention that year in her home town of Santa Monica.

Her birth year set of coins occupied her for about five years, though she was also interested in her collection of U. S. and British coins. This was the center of her interest until 1955 when she was "bitten by the bug". She became fascinated with the field of "Odd and Curious" or "Unusual Media of Exchange". She's never been the same since.

It is almost unbelievable to see what she has in her collection. It includes wampum from the West Coast; cowrie shells from the South Seas; ring money, spear money and other "wife buying" money from Africa; Chinese spade, knife and key money; Gizzi penny - the

oin with a soul; plate money from Sweden; stone money rom Yap; grass and swamp root money; belt money; ullet money; cobs and bits of cob; stamps used for mall change; cut money from pieces of eight; Ashanti veight money; tapa cloth from the Solomon Islands; ulberry bark money - the first paper money known; Pismo Beach clam shell inscribed as a promissory ote; and so many more it is just impossible to list hem all.

We would like to see the dismayed look on the bank eller's face when depositing these bags of "nuts and olts" in bank vaults. It requires several of the largest ize to hold a collection of this type.

Several clubs throughout Southern California have een fortunate in persuading her to display her collect- n and have enjoyed her program. In display compe- tion she has won many ribbons in local contests. She on first prize in the California State Numismatic Asso- iation convention as well as the bronze medal for the est of Show. Though her U.S. and British coins brought er a few ribbons, her fabulous collection of "Odd and urious" has given her first taste of top honors.

Thelma is one of the hardest workers numismatics as. She is always so willing to pitch in. She has been egistration chairman at the N.A.S.C. conventions for vo years and has served on many committees and oards. She has attended many A.N.A. conventions l over the U.S. and hopes to attend the 1960 A.N.A. onvention in Boston.

Bay Cities Coin Club is her home club, though she elongs to many other clubs also. She is a charter ember of the following; Southern Hub Coin Club, Cul- r City Coin Club of which she is a board member, d the Numismatic Association of Southern California which she has been a board member and historian nce its founding. She has been a board member of e Los Angeles Coin Club and treasurer and vice presi- nt of Bay Cities. She belongs to the San Diego Numis- atic Society, was an early member of the California ate Numismatic Association and is a life member of e American Numismatic Association.

Though coin activities keep her quite busy, she has found time to serve as a Red Cross volunteer and is starting her 19th year in this work. She has received several citations for her untiring and devoted work in this field.

Thelma enjoys every aspect of numismatics including the history of coins and their contributions to art and education. Above all, she enjoys the fellowship of the many friends she has "collected" along the way.

NEWS OF MEMBER CLUBS

DOUGLAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY: The 55th meeting of the Douglas Numismatic Society was held at the Douglas Recreation building, President B. B. Mead presiding. Coffee at future meetings will be no problem as it was voted to purchase a large coffee-maker. Winner of the contest "Guess How Many Proof Sets Will Be Minted in 1959", was won by Johnny Robert's guess of 1,108,005. Auctual mintage of 1959 proof sets was 1,147,291. New members accepted were Irene Dubois and Jessee W. Hughes; associate member Jay Kay.

Douglas Numismatic Society joined with the Long Beach Hobby Show in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, March 4th through March 7th. Exhibits from our club were from the collections of Ken Young, Len Back, Bill Griffith and Bert Mead.

"Swapping and Shopping" night was held at our 55th meeting March 8th. It was most interesting and enjoyable. - Earl Bobbitt, Secy.-Treas., reporting.

CENTRAL COAST COIN CLUB: Election of officers for 1960 was held at our December meeting in the I. D. E. S. Hall, San Luis Obispo, with an attendance of 63. Officers elected were; President, James Silva; Vice-President, Malcolm Reed; Secretary, Mary Greening; Treasurer, Lillian Remschner; Sergeant-at-Arms, Knud Clausen; Board of Governors, Donna Mills, W. B. Erdman and A. H. Kingsbury.

Refreshments were delicious, donated and served by Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Remschner and Mrs. Greening.

Door prizes given included gold pieces, proof sets nd commemorative halves. All members received ns from the club. Bill Sexton of Santa Maria donated ee gifts to everyone present. Members are urged to ring more items for display. Awards are to be given is year for best displays, according to W. B. Erdman, eporting for the club.

AN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB held its annual nquet at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena, s new home, on Saturday, March 19th. This was the casion when officers for the coming year was in- alled.

Peter B. Payne was guest speaker as well as the in- talling officer.

Miss Alva Christensen, of Duarte, has been accorded e singular honor of being installed as president by is group of advanced numismatists for the second nsecutive term.

Other officers elected for the coming year are: Lee . Chance, vice president; Ward Alcorn, Treasurer; dith Benson, Recording Secretary; Ethel R. Stone, orresponding Secretary.

The Huntington-Sheraton will also be the new meeting ace for the regular monthly meetings of the club. oin collectors are cordially invited to visit the reg- ar monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each onth. Ethel R. Stone, Corr. Sec'y.

RANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB: The meeting of Mar. 3 was a large attended one, our speaker was Dr. Curtis axman, director of Cal-State Numismatic Association. e made a very interesting talk on Canadian coins, to- ether with a display of his collection of Canada's coins. Following the refreshment period the raffle and auc- on was held. Wm. Hoague, past President of the club now doing a fine job as auctioneer. John Stoppelwerth

ARDEN GROVE COIN CLUB: The club now has a embership of 125 members, and growing fast. The eetings are always well attended and are held in the range Hall, Century and Taft Streets in Garden Grove, d are held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

The meeting of March 24, Sol Alexander gave a splendid talk on Mexican coins, especially the rare ones, and how he was able to aquire them which was enjoyed by all. He brought a number of his rare gold 50 and 60 Peso pieces for emphasis.

Of course we always have coffe and cider with donuts or cookies or some other nice goodies!

John Stoppelwerth, Ass. Ed. for Orange County

GLENDALE COIN CLUB meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Tuesday Afternoon Club, corner of Central & Lexington Avenue, Glendale. Meetings start at 8 P. M. You can contact the club secretary for further information, Reginald Wilkinson, 406 West Elk, Glendale, California.

PICO-RIVERA COIN CLUB is meeting temporarily at Park's Family resturant, corner Lakewood and Florence in Downey, Calif.

Irene Dunkelman, Sec'y., phone OX 5-9804.

****

COIN CLUB FORMED AT IDYLLWILD

The Idyllwild Coin Club became a chartered organization on October 3, 1959. Membership totals fifty members at the present time. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at the Idyllhof. President is J. Barnes, Vice-president, David Hunt, Jr. Secretary, Bette Reinhartsen; Treasurer, Flo Wndelken.

Welcome to the N. A. S. C. fold, Idyllwild, and lets have your meetings listed in the Quarterly each issue!

****

Published in the United States of America
by Western Coin Journal Publishing Co.
333 Second Street
Moorpark, California

N. A. S. C. Quarterly is published by the Numismatic Association of Southern California. Original articles for publication are respectfully solicited, and should be sent to the Editor. Questions concerning numismatics should be addressed to the Question and Answer Editor. Publication dates are the 15th of January, April July and October, and deadline is three weeks prior to date of publication. Address all communications to Karl M. Brainard, 3856 McLaughlin, Los Angeles 66, California.

MEMBER CLUBS & CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

1. Bay Cities Coin Club - Grace I. Brainard
2. Bakersfield Coin Club - Donald O. Kimball
3. Culver City Coin Club - Eric G. Warner
4. Douglas Numismatic Society - Steve Scofield
5. East Los Angeles Coin Club - Walter Snyder
6. Garden Grove Coin Club - John Stoppleworth
7. Glendale Coin Club -- George Bennett
8. Long Beach Coin Club - Abel Sampson
9. Los Angeles Coin Club - Murray Singer
10. Monterey Park Coin Club - David P. Haegele
11. N. A. A. Stamp & Coin Club - Alfred Risi
12. North American Numismatic Society - Jay Kay
13. Norwalk Coin Club - Don Dodd
14. Pico-Rivera Coin Club
15. Orange County Coin Club - C. L. Emmons
16. Rockatomics Numismatic Society - Ruth Johnson
17. Desert Prospectors Coin Club - Walter Snyder
18. San Fernando Valley Coin Club-Thomas H. Wood
19. San Gabriel Valley Coin Club - Sam Kabealo
20. Southern Hub Coin Club - Paul Weiger
21. West Valley Coin Club - Harold F. Donald
22. Lawndale Coin Club - Carl Grall
23. Central Coast Coin Club - W. K. Erdman